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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 61 are currently pending. Applicant has been required to elect the invention embodied in Claims 1-22 and 32-61 (Group I) or the invention covered by Claims 23-31 (Group II). In addition, in the event that Applicant elects the claims of Group I, Applicant has been required to elect a single disclosed species and/or subspecies in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects Group I, species V, subspecies (a) shown in Figures 20E and 5A. Applicant believes claims 1 to 5, 7 to 22, 32 to 36 and 38 to 49 are readable thereon, and accordingly withdraws claims 6, 37, and 50 to 61 from consideration at this time. Applicant reserves the right to reinstate these claims if a generic claim is found allowable.

Claims 23 to 31 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a separate divisional application directed thereto.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.



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